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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA - Sheldon J. Sperling, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, announced that MELISSA GAIL REESE aka MELISSA GAIL PRATT, age 22, of Roland, Oklahoma, was sentenced for Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute.

"REESE was sentenced to 82 months imprisonment, 60 months supervised release, and ordered to pay a Special Assessment of \$100.00," stated U.S. Attorney Sheldon J. Sperling. "The defendant was ordered to forfeit \$10,036.00"

"The offenses took place from about May, 2006, continuing through February 20, 2007, in the Eastern District of Oklahoma. Charges arose from an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Sequoyah County Sheriff's Office, Fort Smith Police Department and the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service," recalled U.S. Attorney Sperling.

"REESE pled guilty on March 29, 2007, to a two count information charging her with possessing 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable quantity of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and possession of \$10,036.00 in proceeds of the offense," U.S. Attorney Sperling stated.

"The Honorable Ronald A. White, District Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, presided over today's sentencing. Judge Ronald A. White ordered the defendant remain in custody of the U.S. Marshal to begin serving her sentence. Assistant United States Attorney Rob Wallace represented the government."

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